

# Dog Control Bylaw Meeting #8

Date: August 14, 2023

Time: 6:00pm

Location: Town Hall

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Facilitator: Jill Radosta

Note Taker: Neil Downing

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Members Present: Jill Radosta, Mark Farrell, John Moon, Frank Moran, Neil Downing, John Moon, Kate Pittman

Handout: Draft Letter of Recommendations  
"How we got here" data gathered from John Moon (includes all the meeting dates and agenda items (can be found on the website))

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Agenda item:

1. Continue to discuss Medfield Dog Control Bylaw Charter / Open Space areas for off-leash use and signage.
2. Review current Animal Control incidents reported
  - review number of licensed dogs to date
  - review types of encounters/incidents posted on social media.
3. Continue to discuss, review/edit first draft recommendations for Public Hearing, Town Counsel/Annual Meeting 2024
4. Prepare for Public Hearing
  - Confirm date, location, time
5. Approve Minutes of July 17, 2023
6. Schedule future meeting dates

Chair Jill Radosta called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m. Roll Call Attendance (JR, ND, MF, JM, FM, KP, JT)  
Jill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50p.m.

Discussion:

- Jill (chair) opened the floor to committee to discuss the draft recommendations – reviewed and edited the document and bulleted list. The recommendations will be sent to Kristine T - town administrator for final review, edits, comments before finalizing for public hearing.
- Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20 at the Chenery Room, Town Hall (time to be announced and finalized)
  - prepare preliminary recommendations for this meeting to present for public feedback.
  - Jill will speak with Kristine T. to discuss publicizing the meeting via Town Website, C. Potts – Medfield Insider and possible social media posts.
- Discussed the Charter and staying focused on the MSH North Field, Sledding Hill (at hospital road/across from MSH), Wheelock and new Rail Trail
  - reviewed designated areas and posting signage for a clear understanding to visitors.
- Questions to town administrator: Will the MSH be accessible during construction, will fields designated for off-leash be mowed?
- Current registered dogs in Medfield as of 7/18/2023: approximately 1600 (and counting)
- Frank M. will reach out to animal control in Newton to discuss current dog bylaw, medallion program and any feedback they can provide.
- After public hearing, present to Select Board (recommendations)
- Prepare for annual town meeting.
- Concerns were discussed about the impact/# of dogs at the MSH North Field may have when construction begins. (noted)
- Need review Trinity property line vs town owned land for recommendation RE Dog walking trails during & after Trinity development.

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## Action items

Jill R. will email final draft recommendations to Kristine T. for feedback also asked a few questions pertaining to public hearing; do we need a moderator, how much time for citizen feedback.  
Jill will email Kristine T. to discuss: when construction begins at MSH, will there be a walking area for visitors (with/without dogs)? Will Bellforge continue to conduct concerts, or will they be roped off? Will there be access to the overlook/Charles River?  
Frank M. will reach out to Newton Animal Control to research their current bylaw, medallion program and any information they can provide for on/off leash rules & regulations.

## Conclusion/Next Meeting

- Next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11 @ 6:00p.m. Warrant Rm, Town House (need to confirm with Brittney) -
- Public Hearing – September 20, 2023 (location/time to be determined)

## EMAIL for Public Response:

- ✓ Email for Dog Control ByLaw Committee: [DogControlBylawComm@medfield.net](mailto:DogControlBylawComm@medfield.net)